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SUBJECT: RED CROSS CONFERENCE: STATUS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS AT 1974 DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN LAW

REF: A) STATE 236266 (NOTAL); B) TEHRAN 8052 (NOTAL)

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VIBE EXPLAINED TO
DCM ON DECEMBER 4 NORWAY'S POLICY ON QUESTION OF INCLUDING
NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THE FORTHCOMING DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN
ARMED CONFLICTS. HE EXPLAINED THAT POLICY OF ABSTENTION
CITED IN REFTEL A PARA 7 REFERRED TO NORWAY'S GENERAL ATTITUDE
TOWARD NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, THE EXTENT OF WHOSE
AUTHORITY IS A MATTER OF DISPUTE (E.G. CAMBODIA, GUINEA-BISSAU).
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2. VIBE OUTLINED THE INSTRUCTIONS SENT IN PAST DAY OR SO TO NORWEGIAN UN DELEGATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AT THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. NORWEGIAN DELEGATION IS INSTRUCTED TO TRY TO PERSUADE KENYA TO DROP ITS OWN PROPOSED AMENDMENT IN FAVOR OF THE ORIGINAL CANADIAN COMPROMISE SUBMITTED AT THE RED CROSS CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN. VIBE SAID NORWAY WAS UNHAPPY WITH THE KENYAN RESOLUTION WHICH HAD REPLACED THE KEY WORD "INTER-GOVERNMENTAL" WITH THE OPEN-END WORD "VARIOUS," REFERRING TO THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH RECOGNIZE SPECIFIC NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS; IT WOULD ALSO "URGE" GOVERNMENTS TO INVITE RATHER THAN "CONSIDER INVITING" THESE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. IF NORWAY IS UNABLE TO PERSUADE KENYA TO ACCEPT THE CANADIAN COMPROMISE, ITS AMBASSADOR SHOULD ABSTAIN ON THE KENYAN RESOLUTION. IF, HOWEVER, THERE IS GENERAL NORDIC AGREEMENT TO VOTE FOR THE KENYAN RESOLUTION, NORWAY WILL RELUCTANTLY GO ALONG. VIBE EXPLAINED THAT WHEN HE TALKED OF NORDIC AGREEMENT HE WAS REFERRING PRIMARILY TO SWEDEN AND FINLAND. DENMARK, HE IMPLIED, FALLS OUTSIDE OF THE STRICTLY NORDIC CATEGORY, SINCE IT IS TORN BETWEEN ITS ALLEGIANCE TO THE NORDIC GROUP AND THE COMMON MARKET, I.E. DENMARK IS COUNTED A NORDIC WHEN IT VOTES THE "RIGHT WAY."

3. WHEN DCM REMINDED VIBE OF THE U.S. POSITION ON THIS QUESTION, VIBE INDICATED THAT NORWAY'S VIEWS WERE SHARED BY A NUMBER OF STATES. HE SEEMED SURPRISED WHEN TOLD THAT IT WAS NORWEGIAN DELEGATE LONGVA (FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY'S LEGAL DEPARTMENT) WHO GOT THE BALL ROLLING AT TEHRAN BY FIRST PROPOSING INVITATIONS TO NLMS. BYRNE

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